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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SAUDI AID MISSION TO ZAIRE

REF: KIN 7033 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING RECENT VISIT OF SAUDI DEVELOPMENT FUND DIRECTOR BIVAKI YOUSSEF. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF YOUSSEF'S VISIT WAS TO EVALUATE ZAIRE'S POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVES AND TO IDENTIFY IMMEDIATE AND LONG TERM PROGRAM NEEDS. THE SAUDIS ARE PREPARED TO PROVIDE BOTH MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID TO ZAIRE AS A COUNTERBALANCE TO SOVIET INROADS IN CENTRAL AFRICA, PRIMARILY IN THE FORM OF FINANCING FOR ARMS PURCHASES AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. IN ADDITION, ECONOMIC SUPPORT MAY ALSO TAKE THE FORM OF SAUDI SUPPORT FOR ZAIRIAN REQUESTS TO INTERNATIONAL DONOR ORGANIZATIONS, LOANS FROM BANKING GROUPS IN WHICH THE SAUDIS PLAY A MAJOR ROLE, AND DIRECT CREDITS. IMMEDIATE INTEREST IS IN IMPROVING THE TRANSPORT SECTOR, ESPECIALLY ONATRA, AND IN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, WITH LONG TERM PROJECTS OPEN TO DISCUSSION, SUCH AS PARTICIPATION IN A "MARSHALL PLAN" FOR ZAIRE. HOWEVER THE SAUDIS ARE EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF PLANNING AND
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INCLUSION OF EXPATRIATE TECHNICIANS, AS WELL AS THE NEED FOR CONTINUING POLITICAL STABILITY.

2. ANOTHER KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCE TOLD US THAT SAUDI DELEGATION MADE COMMITMENTS OF \$50 MILLION FOR TRANSPORTATION AND AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.

3. COMMENT: GOZ SOURCES HAVE BEEN UNUSUALLY RETICENT ABOUT SAUDI ASSISTANCE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS WHICH EMBASSY JIDDA MIGHT OBTAIN.
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